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REMARKS

Claims 1-2 and 4-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by LINZER et al., US Patent Application Publication, Pub. No. US 2004/0100577. Claims 3, 6, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over LINZER et al. in view of BALKRISHNAN et al., US 6,028,612.

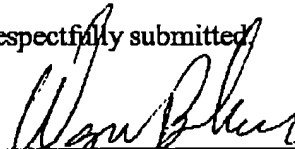
Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to include both "retrieving" and "storing" of colorspace components. The Applicant believes that LINZER et al. does not show or anticipate the combination of these elements. With these amendments, the Applicant believes that claims 1 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 2-8 are dependent on claim 1, and claims 10-16 are dependent on claim 9. In view of at least the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the pending claims 1-16 are in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowability is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner disagree or have any questions regarding this submission, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephone the undersigned at (312) 775-8000.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fee(s) or credit overpayment(s) to the deposit account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Account No. 13-0017.

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